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SUBJECT: VISIT TO POLAND OF EXIM BANK CHAIRMAN KEARNS

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MOSCOW FOR CHAIRMAN KEARNS

DEPARTMENT PASS TO EXIM CORETTE

VIENNA FOR EXIM- DIETZ

(BH), RECENTLY INFORMED US OF TWO ITEMS OF BUSINESS
WHICH BH INTENDS TO RAISE WITH CHAIRMAN KEARNS DURING
"WORKING MEETIN G" AT BH SCHEDULED FOR 0 830-1030, APRIL 6.
HE DESCRIBED THESE AS FOLLOWS:
(A) CONFIDENTIAL CATEGORY C. WOLOSZYN SAID THAT, AS HE
HAD DISCUSSED WITH EXIM OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON IN
SECOND HALF OF FEBRUARY, PLACEMENT OF POLAND IN THIS
CATEGORY CAUSED SOME DIFFICULTIES. AT PRESENT, IT
WAS CHIEFLY MATTER OF PRESTIGE, BUT IT ALSO WAS FELT IT
COULD MAY WELL HAVE PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR FUTURE.
SINCE EXIM CREDIT WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL PURCHASES
OF U. S. MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TOTALING LESS THAN \$1
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1. JAN WOLOSZY N, DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OF BANK HANDLOWY

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MILLION. IT WAS EXPECTED THAT SUPPLIER CREDITS WOULD BE USED TO FINANCE SUCH TRANSACTIONS. FOR EXIM GUARANTEES OF SUPPLIER CREDITS, WOLOSZYN SAID, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT DIFFERENCE IN COST BETWEEN CATEGORIES A AND B ON ONE HAND, AND CATEGORY C ON OTHER WAS ON ORDER OF 1 1/2 PERCENT, WHICH WAS SUBSTANTIAL IN THEIR VIEW. WOLOSZYN SAID GOP HAD TRANSMITTED SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF RECENT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS INFORMATION TO EXIM. WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD WAS PREREQUISITE FOR ANY POSSIBLE REASSESS-MENT BY EXIM OF POLAND'S ASSIGNED CATEGORY. ALTHOUGH BH WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON POLAND'S RESERVES, SINCE THIS DATA WAS NOT PUBLISHED. WOLOSZYN SAID HE HOPED INFORMATION ALREADY SUBMITTED MIGHT BE SUFFICIENT FOR EXIM'S PURPOSES. HE ALSO CLAIMED THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON OF ESTABLISHMENT OF " SPECIAL CATEGORY S" FOR SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE FINE WITH POLAND AS LONG AS IT MEANT REASONABLE INTEREST RATE, AS OPPOSED TO "SPECIAL" HIGHER RATES.

- (B) U. S.- FLAG VESSEL SHIPPING REQUIREMENT. WOLOSZYN RECOUNTED WASHINGTON DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM CHAIRMAN KEARNS. WAIVER OBTAINED FROM U. S. MARITIME AUTHORITIES WAS HELPFUL AS FAR AS IT WENT, WOLOSZYN SAID, BUT HE NEVERTHELESS WAS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ISSUE BECAUSE (1) LARGE PORTION OF U. S. SALES OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO POLAND WAS MADE ON FOB BASIS, AND (2) NECESSITY TO SHOW THAT U. S. FLAG VESSELS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE TO TRANSPORT INDIVIDUAL ORDERS COULD BE VERY BURDENSOME. (EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIPT OF CLARIFICATION FROM WASHINGTON RE WHAT WAS AGREED TO WITH BH IN FEBRUARY TALKS IN WASHINGTON ON THIS POINT).
- 2. JUDGING FROM WOLOSZYN'S COMMENTS CONCERNING THE TWO-STAGE GUARANTEE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE AGREED TO BY EXIM AND BH DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT, THE GOP SEEMS REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH THIS OUTCOME. HOWEVER, WOLOSZYN DID MENTION AGAIN THAT THEY FELT EXIM'S DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS ON EACH CREDIT WOULD BE A BURDEN FOR THE EXPORTER.

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